Bio-Informatics and Digital DNA Parks

4983. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
SHRIMATI N.R DURGA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has initiated a programme on Bio-informatics and digital DNA Parks to meet the large needs of bio-technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which his Ministry is coordinating with the Department of Bio-technology and the industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A programme has been initiated to set up a Digital DNA Park in one of the existing Bio-technology parks in collaboration with the Department of Bio-technology.

In addition, the C-DAC's (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) Terascale super computing facility (PARAM Padma) can be used for bio-informatics development and research.

(c) Digital DNA Park is being formulated in collaboration with the Department of Bio-technology.

Waiting list of telephone connections

4984. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 23 lakh people all over the country are still waiting to get telephone connections;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) what specific measures Government have taken or proposed to take to reduce the waiting list;

(d) the details of circles where the waiting list is more than one lakh. State-wise, and